



Executive Committee Meeting Report

April 16, 2018

3:15 p.m. RTC Room B

The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission (MSCC) executive committee meeting was called to order by MSCC's board of directors' chairman Ben Adams. Upon a motion and second, the January 17, 2018 executive committee report was approved.

PROPOSED NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Dorcas Young-Griffin's name was presented as the new proposed board member. However, due to mitigating circumstances, Ms. Griffin has elected to join later. Bill Gibbons stated that board presentation of Ms. Griffin will be deferred until the July board meeting. Ben Adams expressed gratitude for her selection since she has been a pivotal force in organizing efforts for the Juvenile Assessment Center.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 CRIME STATS:

Bill Gibbons presented the crime trends report for Memphis from January 1st through March for comparative years 2006-2018. Major violent crime for Memphis have decreased by 5.1%, and major property crime increased by 2.8%, driven by motor vehicle thefts. Domestic violence decreased 13.8% in Memphis, and the total Group A offenses for this period decreased by 5.4%. Furthermore, major violent crime for Shelby County decreased by 4.9%, and major property crime increased by 4.5%. Total Group A offenses for Shelby County decreased by 4.4%.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

Bill Gibbons indicated minor changes to the board agenda that included time constraints.

Ben Adams approved the changes.

Mr. Gibbons stated that four objectives would be highlighted during the April board meeting.

- Director Rallings and Chief Crowe will speak briefly on data driven policing (MPD's TRAC 2).
- General Weirich will speak on violence intervention focused deterrence (Objective B5).
- Dr. Angela Madden will speak briefly on the Family Safety Center evaluation and its needs (Objective D1).
- Mayor Mark Luttrell, Judge Dan Michael and Dr. Altha Stewart will speak briefly on the status of the Juvenile Assessment Center (Objective E1).

FINANCIALS:

February 2018 financials will be presented at the April board meeting. The financial report was summarized by Bill Gibbons who indicated that currently \$36,000 was in the Crime Commission bank account. He indicated that the March financials were unavailable for the executive meeting.

Mr. Gibbons stated that AutoZone had pledged a forthcoming contribution of \$100,000. However, he noted that an additional \$400,000 will be needed to cover the fiscal year. Mr. Gibbons stated that although Plough has committed to a substantial contribution in September, it should not be viewed as funds to cover the current fiscal year.

Ben Adams stated that previous discussions concluded that the Crime Commission needed an additional \$250,000; of which \$125,000 has been raised. Johnny Moore stated that a minimum of a two-year commitment be solicited to avert being in the same funding position in the next fiscal year. Mr. Adams stated that efforts were being made to solicit members of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

FUNDRAISING:

Bill Gibbons stated additional fundraising efforts are needed. He also stated that about 400 solicitation letters had been mailed over the last 6 weeks. Letters went to potential new contributors and those that have previously contributed. Mr. Adams along with Mr. Gibbons stressed the importance of concerted efforts from Crime Commission board members in contacting those that received correspondence.

Mr. Gibbons indicated that contributors from 2017 and 2018 have been sent annual reports from the Crime Commission and a sincere “thank you” for their support. To date, \$6,500 has resulted from this mailing.

Mr. Gibbons noted that Mayor Luttrell had suggested at the last board meeting that an invoice be sent to those board members who have not contributed or pledged this year. He

indicated that the Crime Commission has 48 board members and that 16 have contributed or pledged personally so far this year. Blair Taylor emphasized that the invoice look more like the current pledge card, have different monetary options and have a specific time frame for financial return. Ms. Taylor further stated that she would assist with its design. John Dudas agreed with the suggestions presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Auditors: Bill Gibbons presented the dilemma raised by the current audit. Certain pledges have been obtained mostly verbal or by email, promising financial payments to the Crime Commission. The pledges have been made or are in process but lack the desired audit paper trail. The auditors indicated that Crime Commission pledges are not actually pledges without a written agreement from the pledgors but are really considered intents to give. The auditors are stressing the need for written pledges. Mr. Gibbons indicated that this will be a possible audit exception.

Symposium: The Crime Commission is co-sponsoring a symposium June 14th underwritten by the TN Department of Correction. This symposium will provide a discussion on enhancing job opportunities for ex-offenders for Memphis/Shelby County (an Operation: Safe Community initiative). General Amy Weirich stated that expungements should be added to what's being presented at the symposium. Blair Taylor inquired as to the benefit of attending the symposium. Mr. Gibbons stated that this is still in the planning stage but will provide options and contact information to employers on how to consider ex-offenders for employment.

Requested actions:

- Blair Taylor requested that a copy of the Crime Commission pledge card be sent to her at the meeting conclusion.
- Ben Adams requested an updated donor contribution report.

Meeting Adjourned... 4:14 p.m.

PRESENT:

Blair Taylor (conference call)
Ryan Ehrhart (conference call)
Ben Adams
Johnny Moore (conference call)
Amy Weirich
John Dudas

Staff:

Bill Gibbons
Sam Walker

Presented by:

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